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In accordance with Rule 1.4(a)(4) of the California Public Utilities Commission’s (“Commission”) Rules of Practice and Procedure, Bear Valley Electric Service (“BVES”), a division of Golden State Water Company, requests that it be granted active party status in this proceeding.

**I. Description of Party**

BVES is a small electric utility in the Big Bear recreational area of the San Bernardino Mountains located about 80 miles east of Los Angeles that provides electric distribution service to approximately 21,900 residential customers in a resort community with a mix of approximately 40% full-time and 60% part-time residents. Its service area also includes about 1,400 commercial, industrial and public-authority customers, including two ski resorts.

**II. Statement of Interest**

In response to the petition (“Petition”) filed by the Commission’s Safety and Enforcement Division (“SED”) seeking to revise and eliminate portions of Rule 18 of General Order (“GO”) 95, on October 6, 2016, the Commission issued a Proposed Decision on the Order Regarding Petition 16-05-004 and Order Instituting Rulemaking to Consider Specified Amendments to Rule 18 of General Order 95 (“Proposed Decision”). The Proposed Decision institutes a rulemaking to

consider revising and eliminating portions of Rule 18. GO 95 and Rule 18 contain rules for overhead electric utility facilities and requirements for the remediation of overhead utility facilities that pose a risk to safety and/or reliability, or otherwise do not comply with GO 95. As an electric utility and the owner and operator of overhead electric facilities, BVES is subject to Rule 18 and will be directly impacted by any revisions or amendments to Rule 18. Accordingly, BVES has a direct interest about the Petition, the Proposed Decision, and this proceeding and wishes to become a party so it may actively participate in this proceeding.

### **III. Factual and Legal Contentions**

As an owner and operator of overhead electric facilities subject to Rule 18 and any proposed changes to Rule 18 raised by SED's Petition and the Proposed Decision, BVES wishes to participate in this proceeding to protect its interests as an owner and operator of overhead electric facilities. BVES shares interests with PacifiCorp d/b/a Pacific Power ("PacifiCorp") and Liberty Utilities (CalPeco Electric ("Liberty Utilities")), and filed joint comments with PacifiCorp and Liberty Utilities on the Proposed Decision on October 26, 2016. BVES' joint comments on the Proposed Decision relate to the proposed scope of the new rulemaking proposed in the Proposed Decision. Furthermore, BVES intends to actively participate in all subsequent aspects of the proceeding.

### **IV. Communications**

Communications and correspondence regarding this proceeding should be directed to the following individual:

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## **V. Conclusion**

BVES respectfully requests that the Commission grant BVES' motion to become an active party. BVES' participation will not prejudice any other party, expand the scope of issues to be considered or result in any delay in this proceeding.

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Respectfully submitted,

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